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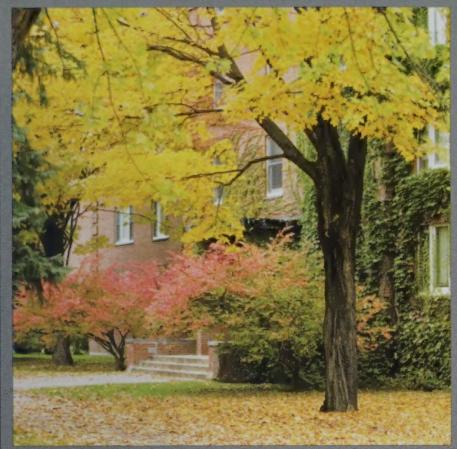
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Letter from the President



May 15, 2008

To the Class of 2008:

It is with great pleasure and pride that I congratulate each member of the Class of 2008. You have achieved much through your hard work, commitment to learning, supportive relationships with each other and genuine desire to succeed.

I also wish to express my deep gratitude to the faculty and staff of Saint Michael's for their enduring dedication to the College and the Class of 2008. Their involvement has been integral to the process of your lifelong education. In turn, the institution has benefited from your presence during the past four years. This volume of the *Hilltop* will always be a positive reminder of and tribute to our shared experiences from your years here at Saint Michael's.

It is my earnest hope that your Saint Michael's experience will continue to enrich your lives far into the future. You have my best wishes for success in all your endeavors.

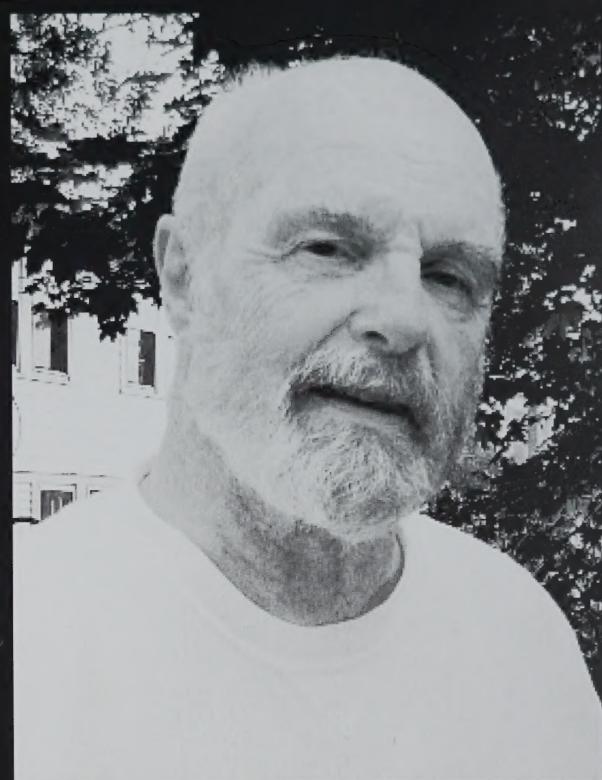
Once again, congratulations!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John J. Neuhauser".

John J. Neuhauser
President

Today, we dedicate The Hilltop 2008 to **John Engels**. When he passed he left behind a community that had known and loved him for forty-five years. Before becoming a colleague, friend, and professor to all of us at Saint Michael's, he spent three years in the Navy and earned his Master of Fine Arts from the Writing Workshop at the University of Iowa. In August of 1962, John arrived at Saint Michael's and began a distinguished career that included publishing 12 volumes of poetry, one of which was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in 1983.



Although he hated the cold winters, he often said he loved St. Michael's so much he could never leave, so he stayed and shared his gift with us until he passed away last June. Even after his passing the Saint Michael's community continues to benefit from the gift of his words to the students he taught and the colleagues he spent quiet mornings with.

We dedicate the telling of our story here at St. Michael's to John because he shared his story with us.

2008 Dedication





Letter from the Editors:

Hello to the Class of 2008 and congratulations! In creating this edition of the Hilltop our wish is that each Saint Michael's graduate can look back on his or her four years at SMC and remember all those events, moments, and memories that ultimately shape who you are in the future. Often times when looking into the past we miss details that we cherished during the present. The goal of the 2008 Hilltop is to recognize the details that set Saint Michael's apart from the rest.

As years pass, we want you to hold on to all of those things that made our small liberal arts college, tucked away in the hilltops of Vermont, so special. The images and text contained in this book will hopefully serve as a guide to exploring your past and lead you to the realization that your present was made better because of that time spent at Saint Mike's. Many drastic and minute changes occurred during our four years and as editors we strove to highlight some of those changes and include some of the many accomplishments of our fellow classmates. In doing so, we wanted to also capture some of the humor, camaraderie, and excitement present in our daily lives at SMC. We wish this yearbook to become an archive with many to follow like it in which our contributions to and moment in history can be preserved and cherished.

When you turn these pages, we hope that wherever you are, you never feel alone. Because **no matter how far away you travel or how distanced you become from your friends, St. Michael's will always have its doors wide open waiting for us to come home.**



Best,

Leah O'Brien & Megan Bookless



Thank you to everyone who helped us create this edition of the Hilltop. We'd especially like to recognize a few individuals and groups of people who were instrumental in helping us achieve our goals for this book.

Ms. Grace Kelly was our advisor during the process. Not only did she help in some of the mailing and organization but she also kept us motivated throughout the process and was a constant source of energy and entertainment. Thank you Grace!

Mr. Mark Saks, an employee of Herff Jones, provided us with all of the technical support and assistance that we needed throughout the process. He was a teacher, source of guidance, and tireless cheerleader until the very last page was sent to print.

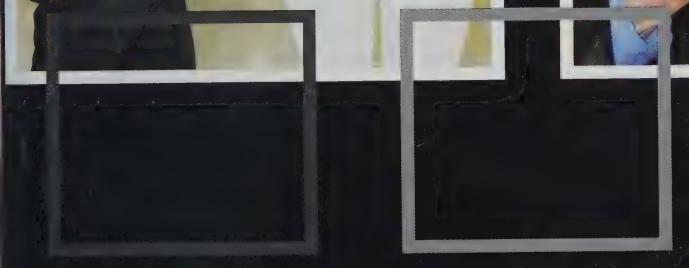
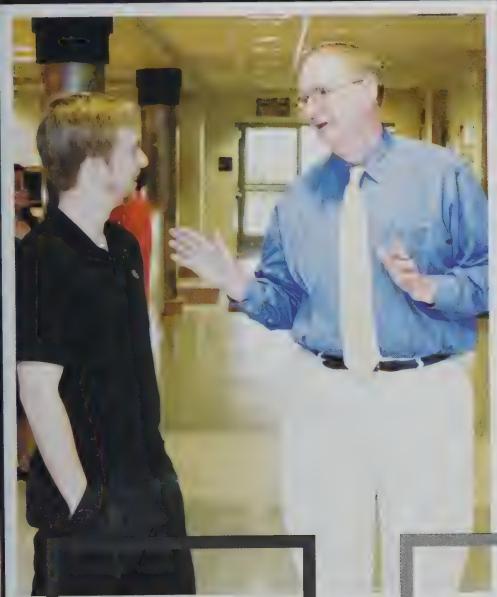
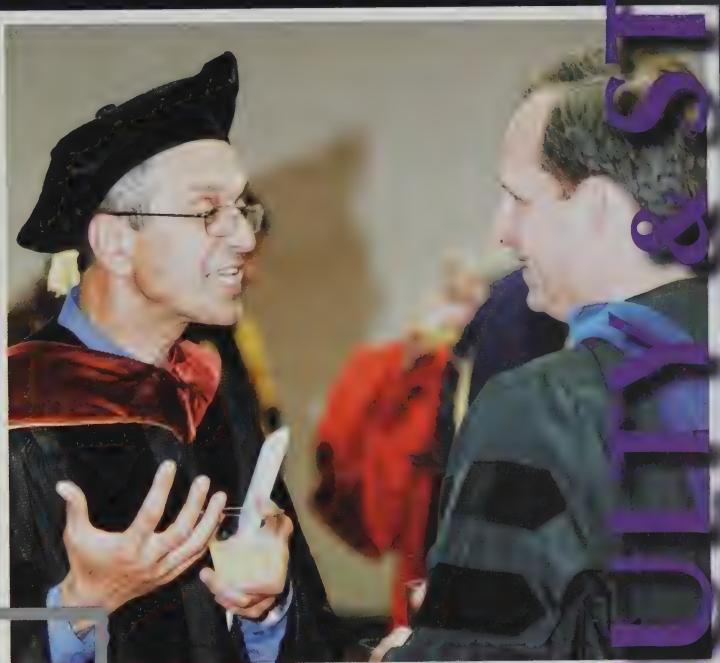
Our Sports sections would not be half as colorful or informative without the help of Seth Cole, Will Rothermel, Andrea Gosselin, Sports Information and a number of your amazing coaches. We'd particularly like to thank the Fall 2007 and Spring 2008 Defender Photo Editors for their contributions to the images present in the Sports sections. The Faculty and Staff section could not have been completed without the help of Sarah Gabriele who provided us with many of department photos as well as SMC scenery images present in the book. We'd also like to recognize your professors and heads of staff who were willing to assist us in compiling photos for that section. We'd be remiss if we didn't recognize that early contributions of Andrea Gosselin and Pam Kunar in helping us organize and outline the Hilltop.

Finally, thank you to everyone who submitted photos for our pages. We tried to include every picture sent to us so that everyone could look in this book and recognize themselves in the pages.

Acknowledgements



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THE ALLIOT EXPERIENCE

Every day for at least two or three years (depending on what housing you got) we depended on our wonderful Alliot employees to provide us with breakfast, lunch, dinner and all meals in between. While many of us complained about the

food at some point or another, the truth is that our cafeteria food was much better than that at most other schools....and who could beat unlimited meals?! Although mom's home cooking was sorely missed a few weeks into the school year every fall or after returning from vacation every winter, unlimited soft serve, chicken patties, and Lucky Charms were a pretty good substitute.

Even if the mozzarella stick days or the ever popular Thanksgiving dinner extravaganza didn't draw you in, I doubt many of us will ever forget some of the characters behind the counters. Marianne at the front desk could be a little tough on those of us who "forgot" our Knightcards or tried a "pass-back" maneuver but she was a familiar constant in our busy lives swiping our cards with a cheerful good morning and a smile on most days.

So thank you to all of the hard-working Alliot staff who made our dining experience at Saint Mike's a pleasant way to begin, end or spend our day.





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KEEPING US CONNECTED

The **Student Resource Center** at Saint Michael's might be one of the least recognized but most utilized departments on campus.

As an incoming student freshman year, you might have visited the SRC for some help adjusting to college courses/life in general. During sophomore year, some of us might have visited for a little help pulling up our grades after adjusting a little too well to college life.

When junior year came the SRC became our link to the global community as many left Saint Mike's to travel abroad for a semester or more. Others began visiting the center for help setting up internships or to have a practice interview with Donna or Ingrid.

Now as graduates, the SRC offers us the great opportunity to contact other alums for information concerning employment or networking opportunities. No matter how far from SMC we may get after graduation, the SRC offers us a lifetime of services that are just a phone call or email away.





Physics

Each year the Saint Michael's College Hilltop recognizes faculty at the college by placing a picture in the yearbook for each department. This year the Hilltop staff wanted to do something slightly different.

Not only have we included the most recent pictures of our hardworking professors, but

we've also included pictures of the Saint Michael's College staff as well. We've also decided to highlight a few departments we felt made an impact on our class and others that have passed through the college. The images shown are the most recent photos of each department that we have on file.



Physical Plant

Unfortunately, not all departments are represented in the photos on these few pages. Nevertheless, we'd

like to recognize every department on campus (not just those pictured), and thank them for their part in making our four years at Saint Michael's the best four we could have had.



Religious Studies

Whether they were keeping our campus beautiful, molding our minds, ruining our mid-afternoon nap plans, or delivering a much needed care package from home, SMC would have been much different without them.

So, **thank you** from the **Class of 2008** !



SALT PACKETS, SUDAFED, AND FREEZE POPS

While we may joke that the only thing we ever get from **HEALTH SERVICES** is salt packets and endless supplies of ibuprofen, without them our student body would never survive flu season.

For some of us, getting sick freshman year was the first time we couldn't depend on mom or dad to make us better or at least fix us a bowl of chicken soup and a cup of flat ginger ale. Not only do the women in Health Services offer pharmaceutical relief when we're sick but their cheerful and calming attention to our afflictions (whatever they may be) is comforting and reassuring.

It seems that a week after returning to campus after every major break "dorm fever" once again claims its newest victims. Whether we're afflicted with some nameless but no-less debilitating headcold or a non-Alliot induced stomach flu the kind women in Health Services are always ready to help. So, even though we'd rather not have seen them quite as regularly as some of us did, we'd like to thank the women in health services for all they did for us during our four years at good old St. Mike's.





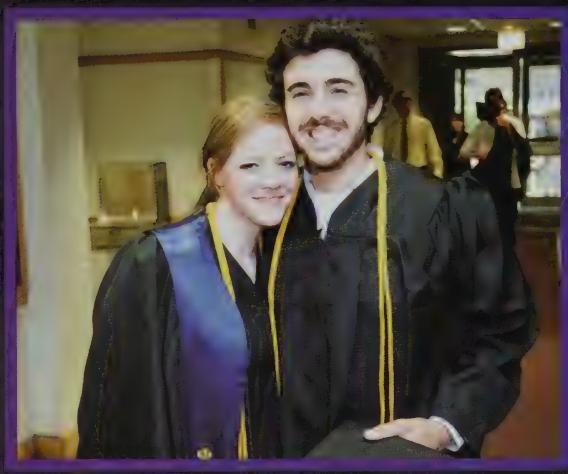
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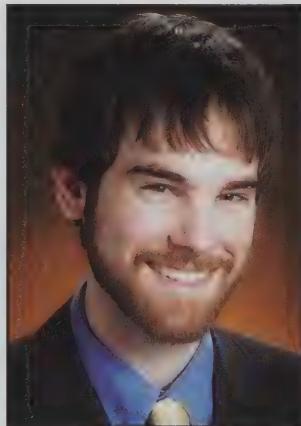
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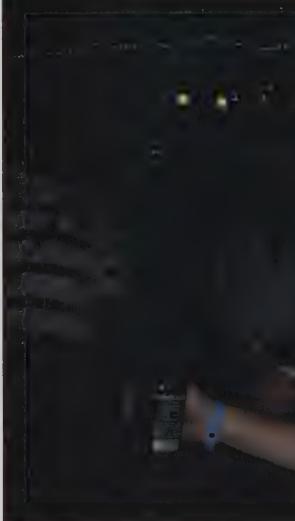
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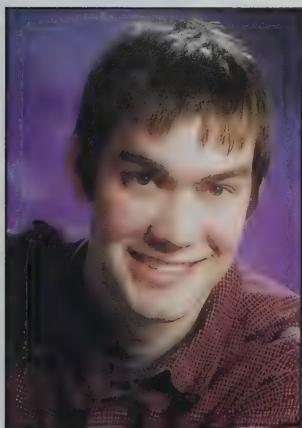
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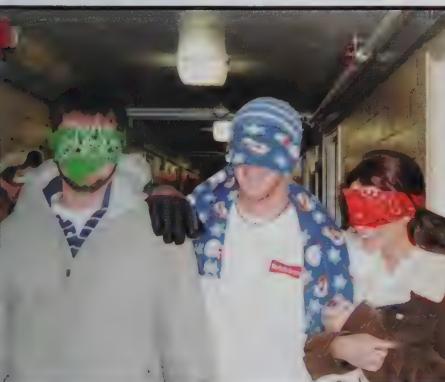


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We were only freshman

How it all got started...









SOPHOMORE YEAR

2005-2006

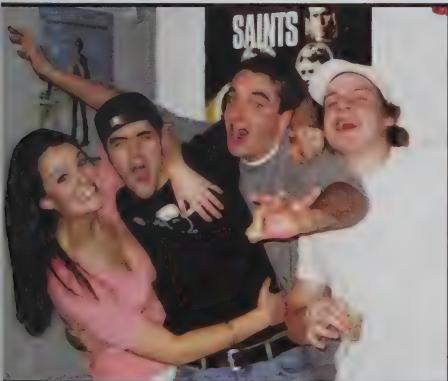




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Junior Year







KEEPING IT SENIOR



Seniors Being Seniors

Because four years wasn't nearly long enough for some of us

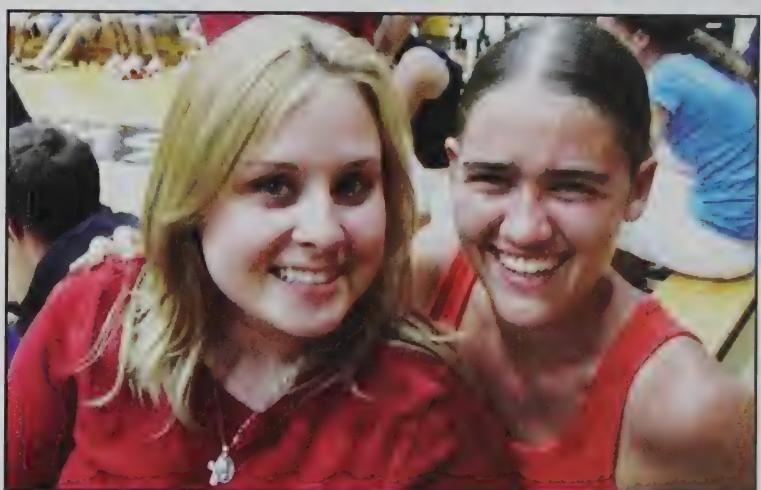




Seniors Being Seniors

Because in eight months we'll be in the "real world"





Seniors Being Seniors

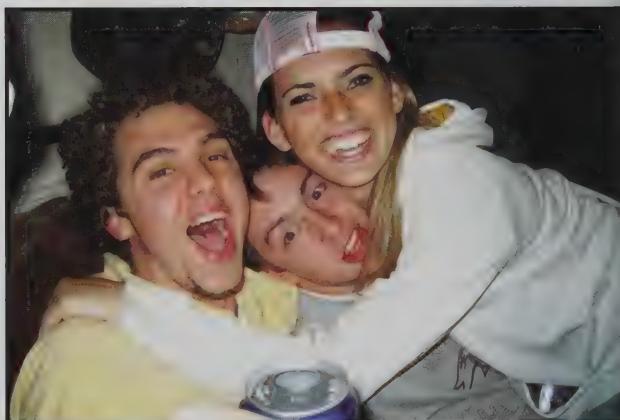
Because we can....





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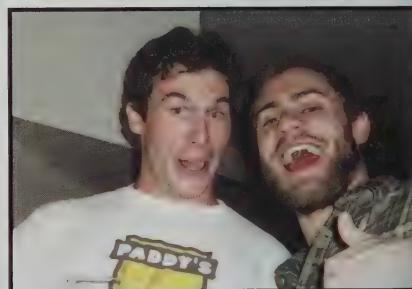
Because 10 years from now we'll remember time spent with our friends not time spent in class





Seniors Being Seniors

Because for \$33,000 we deserve to have a little fun!





UNWINDING...

Because what SMC really needed was the 5's







Senior Pub

McKees * 38 Main





Crawl

Donny's





Senior Pub Crawl

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Senior Holiday Social

Partyin' with the fish at the Echo Leahy Center

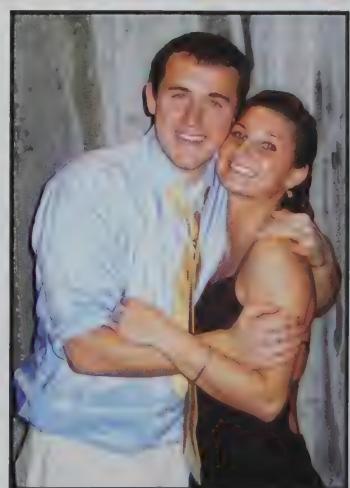




Senior Holiday Social

Continued...





Best Theme Parties

Keepin' it SENIOR with crazy themes!



GOLF PROS & TENNIS...



TITANIC PARTY



DISCO PARTY







MUSTACHIO BASHIO



PIRATE BASH



Best Theme Parties

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PROM PARTY 2008



HUNTING/VERMONSTER
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FAMOUS SONGS





SENIOR WEEK

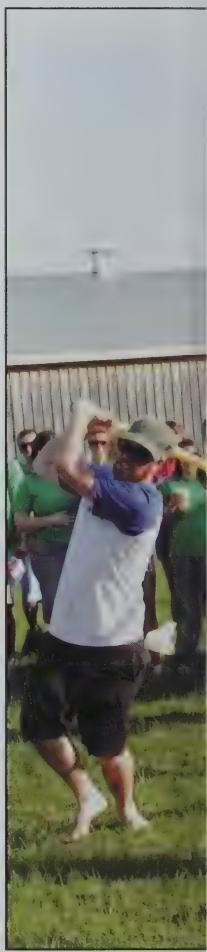


Friday, May 9

Highlighter Party at Champlain Lanes & Dinner with the President





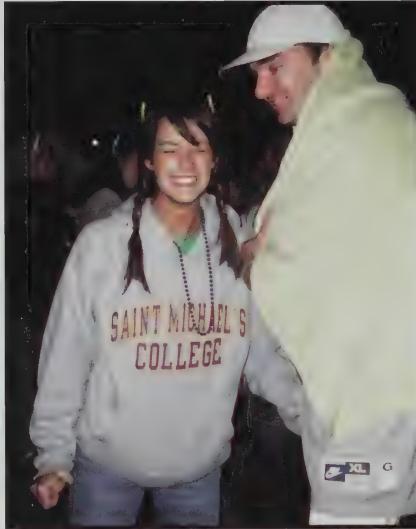


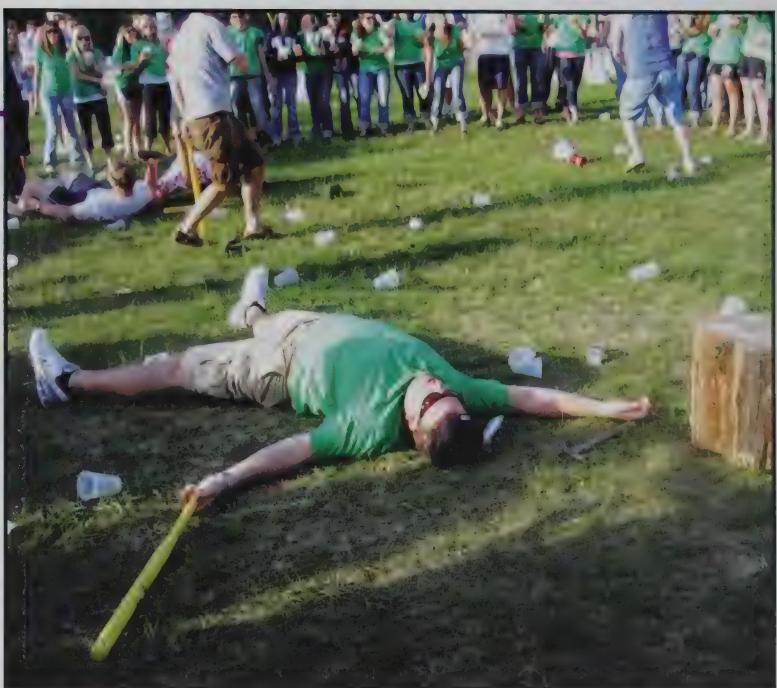
Saturday, May 10

Field of Dreams



Field of Dreams continued...







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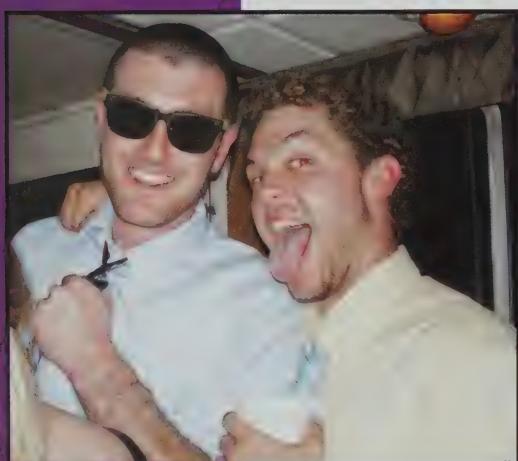


Sunday, May 11

Boozin' and Cruisin' on Lake Champlain







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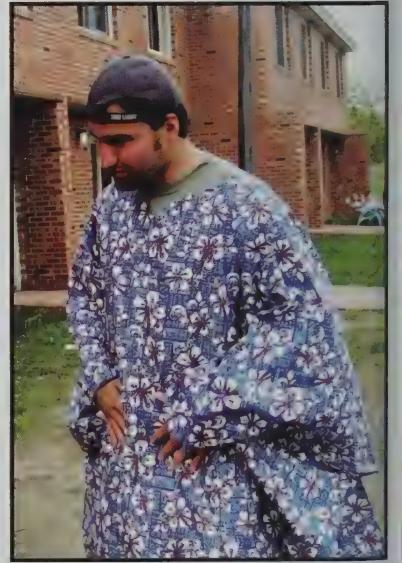
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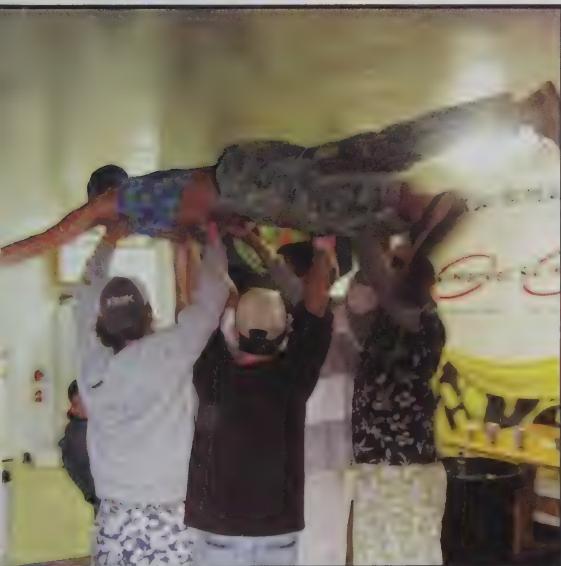
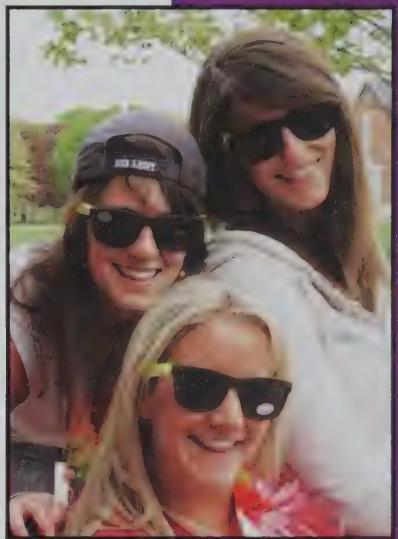


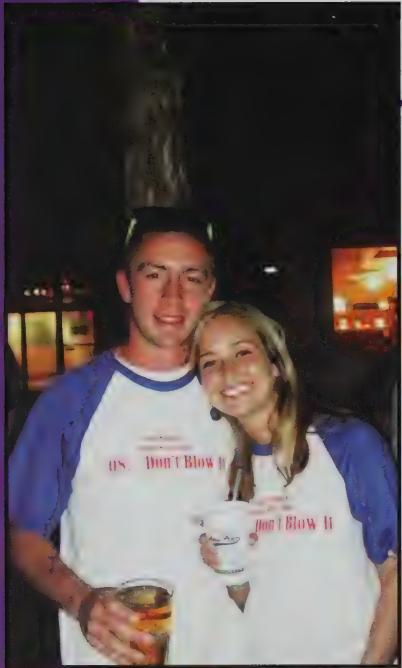


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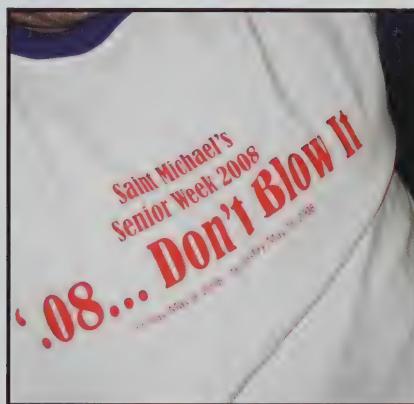






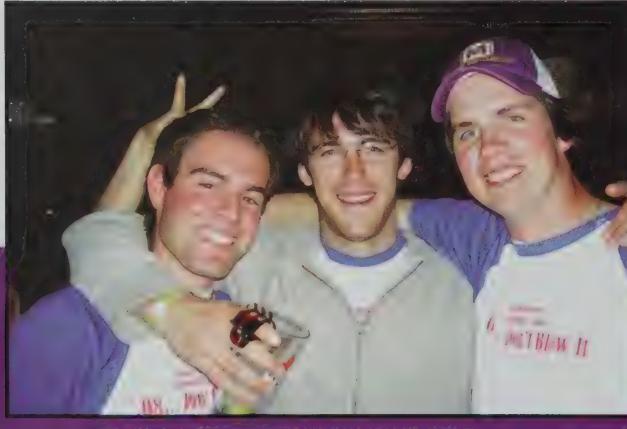
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Pub Crawl through Downtown B-town



Senior Week Pub Crawl

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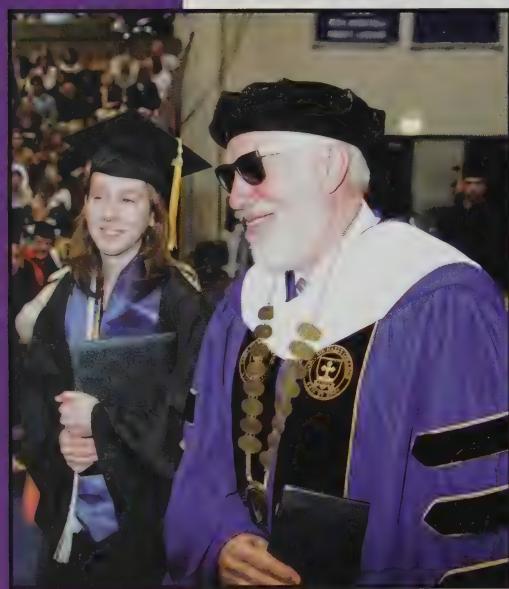


Thursday, May 15





Graduation...now what?









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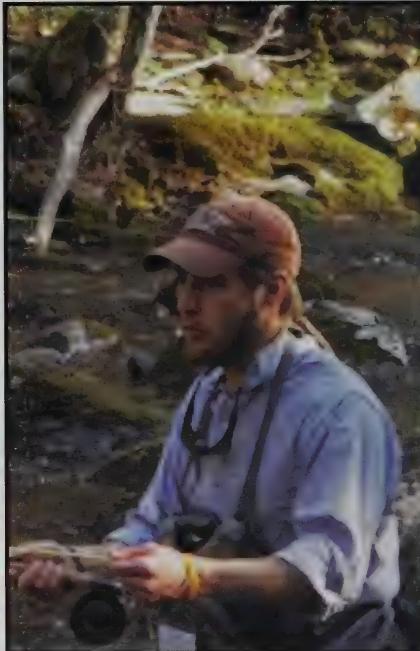
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Coffee House & Turtle Underground



Fly Fishing



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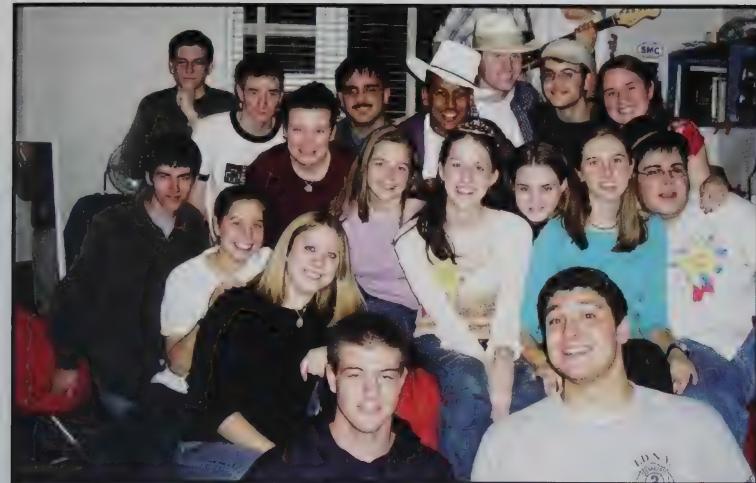
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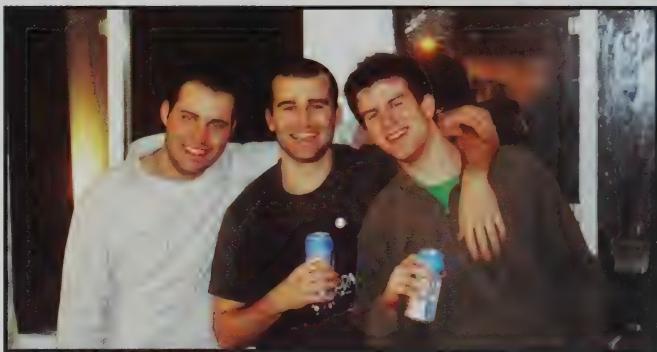


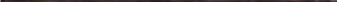
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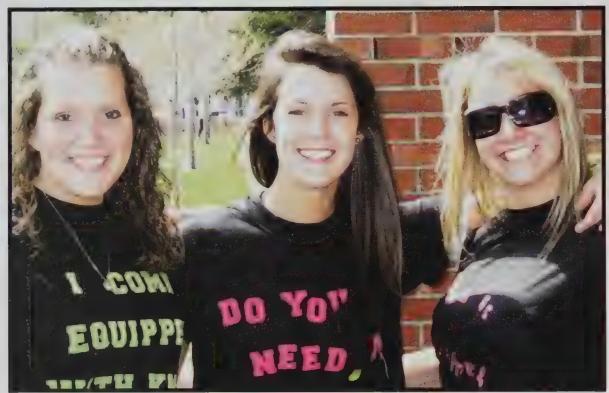














During our junior year or sophomore year of school some of us decided to escape the cold Vermont winters for a more forgiving climate or escape the Burlington bar scene for something a little more happening. Some spent semesters in Europe tip-toeing along the cobblestone streets and a few were daring enough to venture into Africa for a semester while others looked for a cultural awakening in Asia. Whether our time was spent studying, working, volunteering or exploring we each had the chance to be free from ourselves in an unfamiliar land.

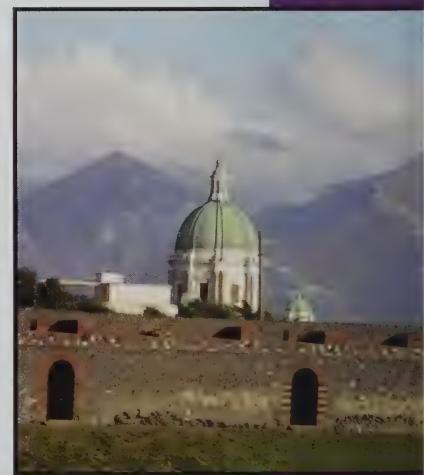
Some of us adopted a new temporary address proud to tell the taxi driver “yes this is my stop and it’s not a hotel!” Classes

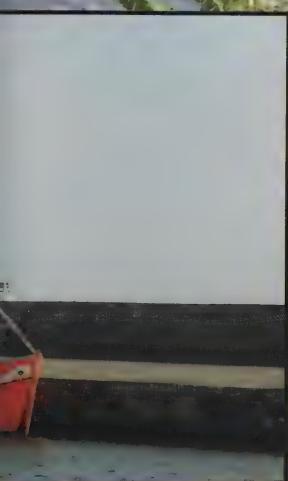
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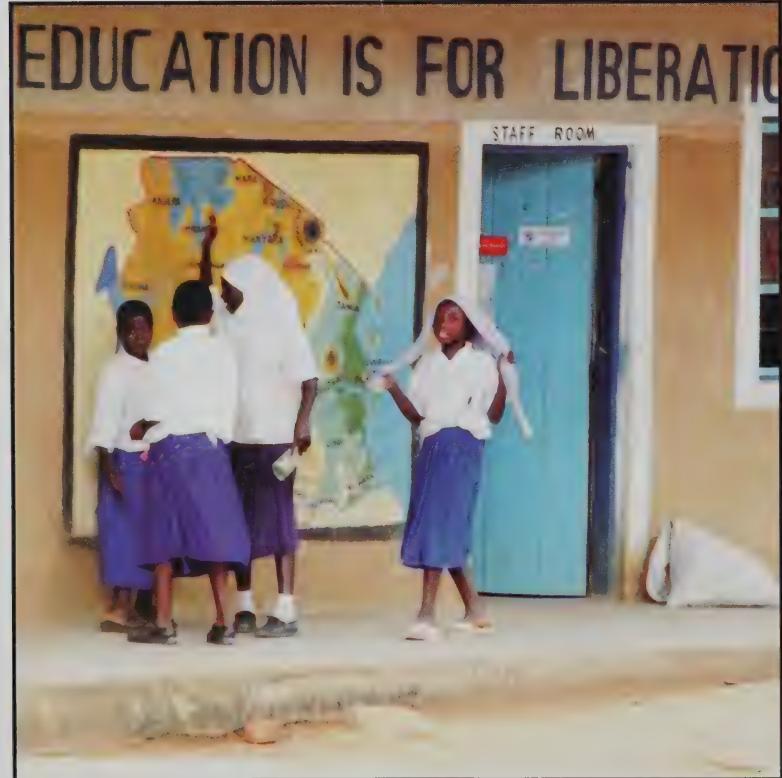
Global Studies the St. Mike’s Way

were sometimes held in classrooms but more often than not we found ourselves studying in museums, cathedrals, or open fields. Maybe class was held in cave or rainforest searching for a various species. More often than not, our education had nothing to do with class and everything to do with our newly discovered independence.

We became “expert” travelers; backpacking and trucking our way across various borders navigating city signs in languages that often looked more like scribbles than a discernible language. Our curiosities drew us to try new foods, meet new people, and sleep in places only movies can properly portray (*Hostel* anyone?).









There were experiences we were proud of, some we might be embarrassed about, and others that were a humorous diversion to a sometimes daunting task. Perhaps your day seemed a little overwhelming until you visited the zoo and a koala that snuggled sleepily into your arms...and then peed on you. Maybe you decided to test your limits and went swimming with great white sharks and cliff diving at Victoria Falls, dove headfirst out of a plane with only a little piece of fabric to save you, or tried to teach English to a group of trusting young children. Possibly you felt a little out of place or a little homesick until one day American tourists mistook you for a native (what were they thinking?!).



Many of us paused while traveling and reflected on the extraordinary opportunities that were presented while abroad. Climbing

pyramids and ruins, skiing the Alps, waving to the Pope and meeting for class at the Vatican, going to the beach after class, teaching English or doing research for the government, or working in an orphanage thousands of miles from home.



Our potential is endless and study abroad gave some of us the chance to see and feel just how closely we are all connected and how easy it is to meet and see the world.



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Fall at Saint Mike's

Coming home

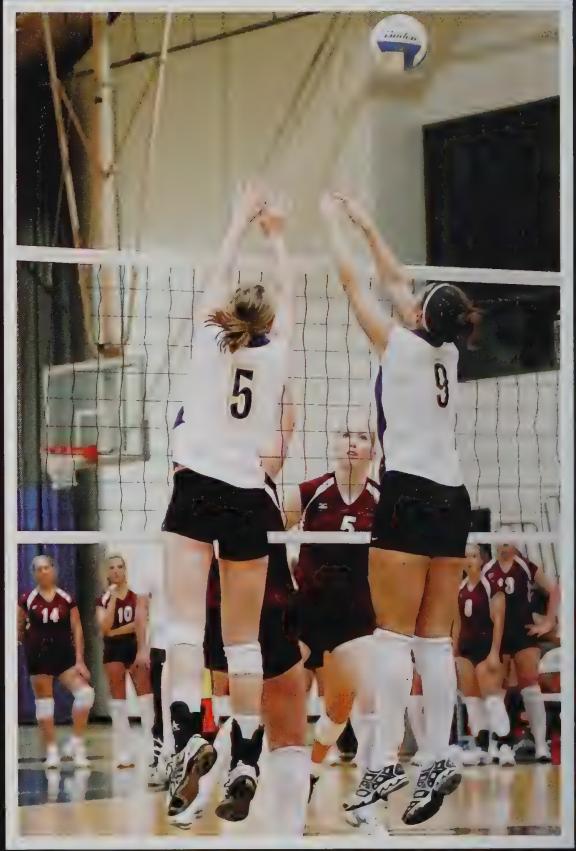
When summer finally ended we returned home to good old St. Mike's and greeted a sea of new faces as well as those we'd seen for the last three years. This year we smiled as we pulled up to our townhouses and apartments after finally escaping the threat of yet another year in "Slumni," or the even more depressing Ryan Hall basement.

We were determined to make our final year the best one yet and finally had a fridge large enough to hold all of our party essentials AND the food we planned on having mom cook when she came to visit. While most of us would never admit to it, we kind of missed Alliot and our hardest decision being whether or not we wanted fries with our grilled cheeses or rainbow sprinkles on our soft serve.

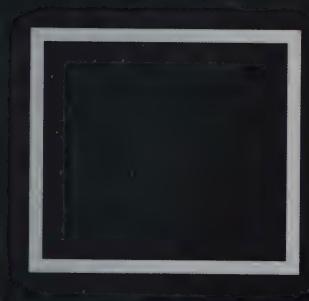
Our return to campus in the Fall heralded the beginning of an end but not "the end" (that's way too cliche). In the following months we'd party, study, and play with our friends and try not to think about how many "lasts" we were having. Because for most of us, this was only the beginning.







FALL sports



FIELD HOCKEY

9-11, 8-8 NE-10



Despite beginning the season 0-5, the field hockey team came back to win its last five regular season games. Four of those games were won by a one-goal margin and the team's hard work paid off when they secured the number five seed in the NE-10 Quarterfinals.

This winning streak included upsets over conference favorites Bentley College and Bryant University. When our team entered the NE-10 Quarterfinals they succeeded with a 2-1 overtime upset against Stonehill College. Despite all of their talent and hard work the Lady Purple Knights eventually fell to the conference champion UMass Lowell, 2-1, in the semifinals.

Saint Michael's Field Hockey owed some of their success to junior Andrea Slaven who led by example. Slaven ended the season with a program-record 21 goals and was also named NE-10 Field Hockey Player of the Year. While Slaven's talents were greatly appreciated on the field, she couldn't have succeeded without support from a strong senior class including Hannah Wolfe, Chelsea Kimball and Brittany O'Brien.







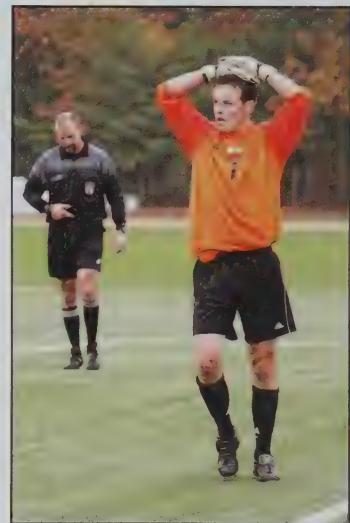
MEN'S SOCCER

10-5-5, 5-4-4 NE-10

The men's soccer team entered its second season with head coach Wade Jean this fall. The team, led by senior captains, Matt Healy and Aaron Vine, was met with big expectations after last year's run to the NE-10 semi-finals. After getting off to an unprecedented 7-0-2 start, the team would return to the NE-10 playoffs for the second straight season.

Our Knights welcomed the talents of a strong freshman class which was led by seven talented seniors including Yoshikazu Ishii, Chris Omaggio, Brandon Beaudoin, Tim Williamson and Ben Marlow. Ishii and Omaggio combined for a total 27 points while goalkeeper Tim Williamson recorded six shutouts and had a season .856 save percentage.

The team also welcomed back senior Ed Fennessey for its last few games after back-up goalkeeper, Jason Burnette, fell ill at the end of the season. In early October the team added a big win against number three team, UMass Lowell and ended its season ranked seventh in the NSCAA/adidas Regional Rankings.



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WOMEN'S SOCCER

8-7-3, 4-7-3 NE-10



Our Lady Purple Knights were led by a senior class including Molly Cole, Katie Burdette, Kelly Boulter, Laura Wesley, Courtney Delurey, and Gillian Goldman.

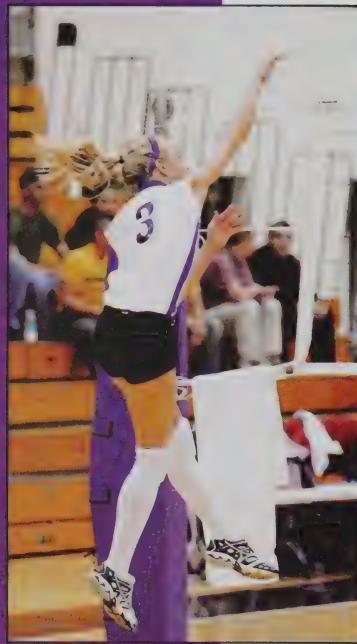
Led by the freshman tandem of Carissa Gildea and Katie Murphy, who would combine for 14 goals and 35 points, the women's soccer team also saw time in the NSCAA/adidas Regional Rankings as they remained undefeated through their first three games.

Our Knights went 4-3-1 over their last eight games, including three overtime wins, and would not be officially eliminated from playoff contention until the final game of the season.

Senior captain Laura Wesley was named to the NE-10 All-Conference Second Team, while classmate Kelly Boulter, as well as Gildea and Murphy, would all earn Third Team honors.







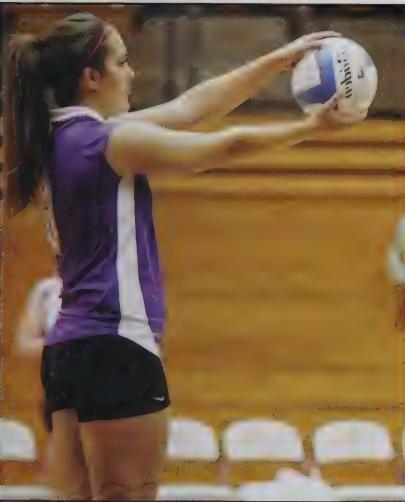
VOLLEYBALL

7-21, 2-12 NE-10

Under the leadership of senior captain Leslie Herwig and junior captain Amy Manougian, the volleyball team would amass seven wins on the season, including a 3-0 victory over intrastate rival Norwich University, who was 8-0 at the time.

The Purple Knights also owed their successes to the skills of senior outside hitter, Kelsey Kobelt as well as freshman Lindsey Frazier's team-leading 280 kills. Manougian chipped in 802 assists, while junior Stephanie Smetana led the team defensively with 555 digs.

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MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

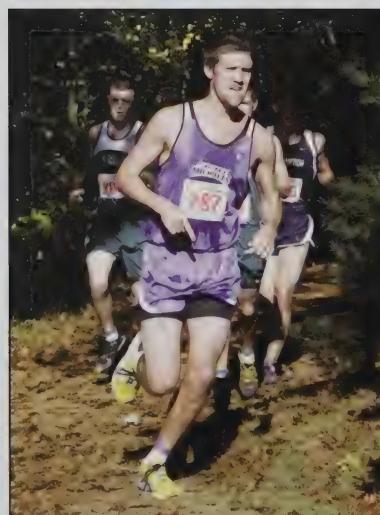


This year our Men's Cross Country team would be led by senior captain Matthew Scanlin. As the single senior on the team, Scanlin led our Purple Knights by example. This fall, Scanlin finished a successful four year run with the team. Throughout his four years Scanlin was a top competitor, returning from an injury early in his junior year to earn a place on the Northeast-10 All-Academic Team.

In other highlights this year, junior Matt Alexander consistently led the men's cross country team throughout the fall season, ending the season with a 74th place finish at the NCAA Cross Country Regionals. His 12th place finish at the Vermont Intercollegiate Championships was also a team-best for the Saint Michael's.

This same race would also be a team highlight, as Saint Michael's finished fifth out of the nine Vermont colleges competing. Freshman Brendan Flynn would follow with a 15th place finish, while two other Saint Michael's runners would finish in the top 30.

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WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

This spring our Lady Knights were led to a seventh place finish at the Northeast-10 Conference Championships by senior captains, Bridget Craig and Courtney Richard. Both Craig and Richard were top competitors throughout their four years with the team.

The team's success was also boosted by consistent top finishes from juniors Mary Lynn Denholm and Rachael Baxter throughout the season. The team placed second at the Vermont Intercollegiate Cross Country Championships, ahead of Division I University of Vermont.

The Lady Knights were also strengthened by a strong sophomore core including Jessica Brantl, Kendra Corr, Lauren Fereshetian, Jenna Hannoosh and Karyn Norwood as well as five promising first-year runners.

To end the season, Denholm and Baxter would finish 12th and 29th respectively to lead the Purple Knights to an eighth place finish at the NCAA Cross Country Regionals.

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The end-of-season success for the golf team could be attributed to a well-balanced roster for the Saint Michael's as well as the leadership of senior, Andrew Deloria. The season ended on an impressive note for the Purple Knights, who finished 24th out of 42 teams at the NEIGA Championships. Junior Jonathan Goguen finished 58th out of 211 golfers at this tournament.

Saint Michael's was also led by Mark Mitchell, who was named NE-10 Freshman of the Week with his ninth place finish at the Division-II ECAC Championship and Will Crall, who also earned conference honors throughout the season.

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Winter at Saint Mike's

Snowed in but still partyin'

When winter finally came with snow flurries in mid-November we were ready to head to the mountains and become creative with our excuses for missing classes. Smuggler's was once again a weekend and sometimes weekday home for many Saint Mike's students. Even though it would be our fourth year skiing Smuggs nothing could beat those \$30 seasons passes and wraps at the Cupboard on the way home.

When we got a foot and a half we grabbed our boards and skis without a second look at that pile of books on our desks. Yet, nothing could replace our Valentine's Day Blizzard and our memories of walking to Alliot in waste deep snow or helping our friends dig out their cars...if we could find them.

December found us dressing in our best and partying with the fish at the Echo center downtown. When we came back in January we huddled inside against the cold and stared at the frozen tundra wondering when we'd see green again. Snow sports with Wilderness Programs and our outdoor skating rink lifted our spirits and Unwinders quickly became our favorite Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday night 500's.

As winter came to an end we cheered on our men's hockey team and roared our approval when they won the championship game against St. A's. Then we held our breath and waited for the ice to finally melt so we could pull out skirts, take off our shirts (men) and have some fun in the sun!

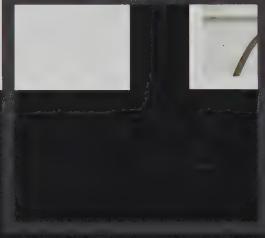




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MEN'S BASKETBALL

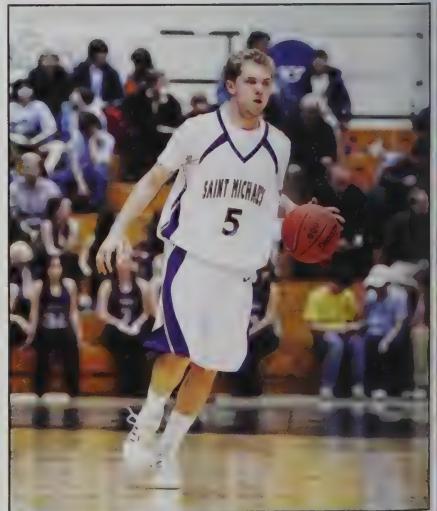
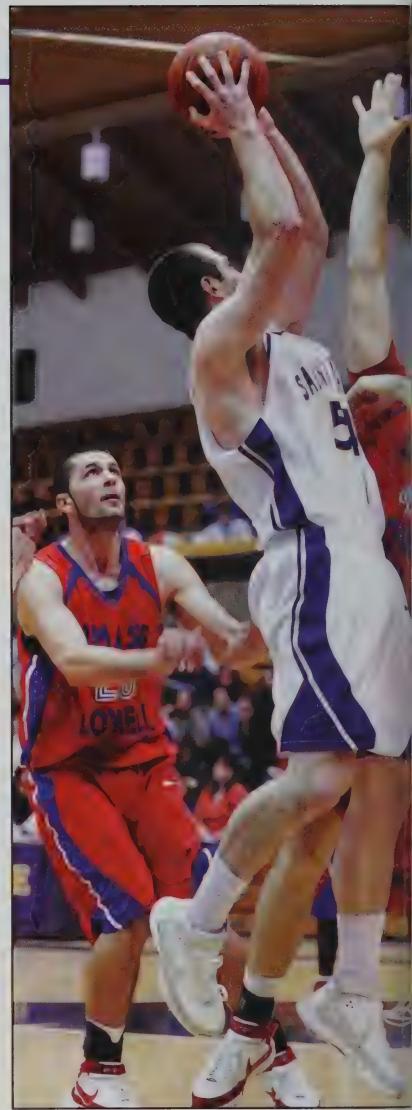
8-18, 6-16 NE-10

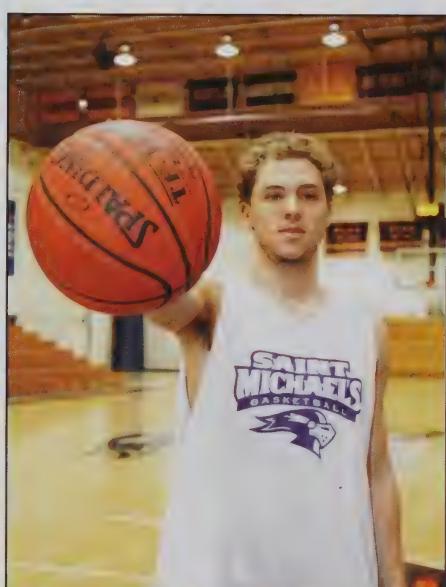
Catching fire out of the gates with a 6-1 start, our Purple Knights led by a senior core including Craig Carey, ended their season on a high note, knocking off Southern New Hampshire, 86-78, in the final game of the season.

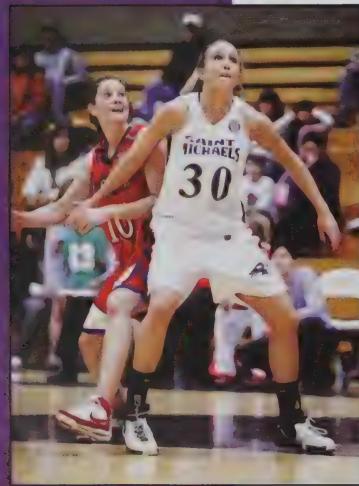
Brian Monahan '08 and James Sorrentine '08 ended their illustrious careers as Purple Knights among the top-20 in scoring, while Monahan became the sixth all-time leader in rebounds (869) and Sorrentine drained 340 career three-pointers to obliterate the previous record of 301. Monahan was named to the Northeast-10 All-Conference Second Team, All-Northeast Region Second Team, and NABC Division II All-District Team.

He has also accepted an invitation to play at the College Basketball invitation in Wadsworth, Ohio. The men's basketball team was also the recipient of the Northeast-10 Conference Basketball Sportsmanship for 2007-08.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

13-15, 9-13

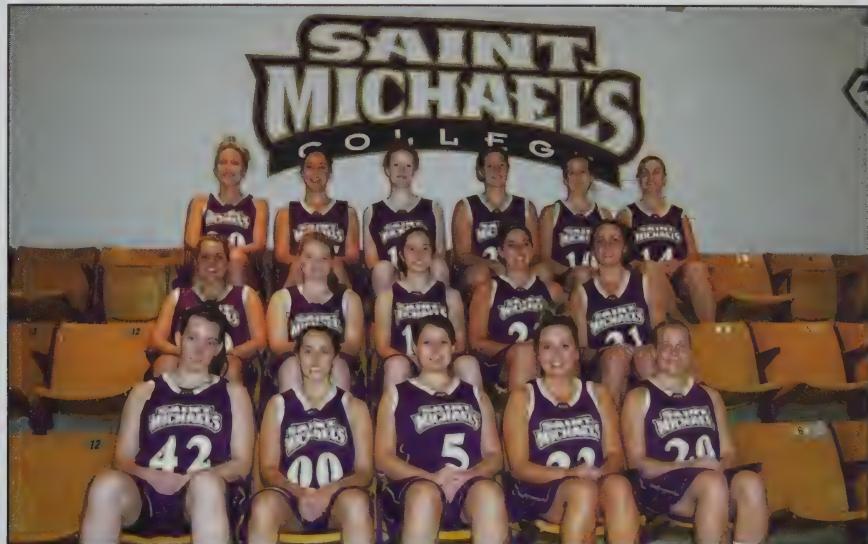


The SMC women's basketball team completed the 2007-08 season with a 13-15 overall record, and an 11th place finish in the Northeast-10 Conference. The team started off very strong, opening 3-0 and taking a 8-3 record into the Christmas break.

After a stunning 62-59 victory over defending National Champions Southern Connecticut State University on February 9th, the Knights sat at 13-9 with five games to go in the regular season. Then, injuries forced two senior starters, Adrienne Carpenter and Allison Dunn to the sidelines and our youthful group battled the top teams in the league but couldn't muster a win, including a heart-breaking overtime loss to Southern New Hampshire University to close the regular season. With the lineup almost back to full strength, the Knights traveled to Bryant for the first round of the NE-10 playoffs, only to come up short against the Bulldogs and close the season.

Senior Amy Pitchers departs 5th on the All-time list in Blocks for SMC, while Carpenter and Dunn will leave lasting impressions as strong leaders and fierce competitors in the program.

Special thanks to Head Coach, Jennifer Neibling for this recap of her team's accomplishments. Thank you also to Defender Photo Editors Nick Briggs, Sheila Catanarita, Alida Destrempe and Mike Connors.



WOMEN'S SKIING

Alpine and Nordic

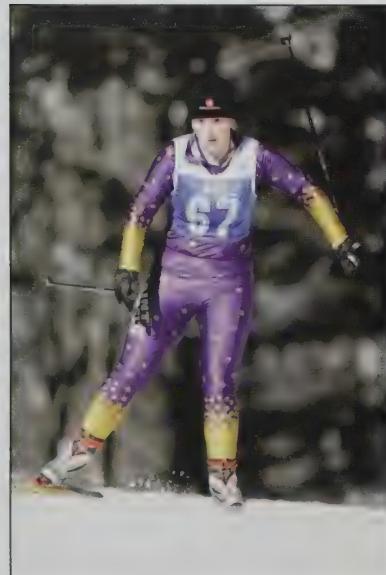
While both the Women's Alpine and Women's Nordic Ski Teams lacked senior leadership during their 2008 season, the team persevered to a tenth place finish at the Eastern Intercollegiate Skiing Association Championships at Middlebury.

Lauren Fereshetian '10 had her best finish of the season for the Purple Knights at the event, placing 23rd in the women's 10-kilometer classic.

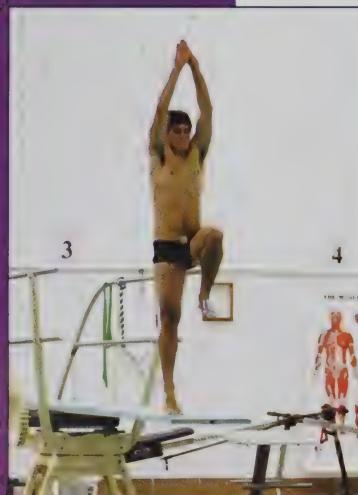
Saint Michael's also placed 10th at the Bates Carnival (1/11-1/13), UVM Carnival (2/1-2/2), Dartmouth Carnival (2/8-2/9), and Williams Carnival (2/15-2/16).



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MEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

The swimming and diving season was highlighted by a seventh-place finish for the men at the NEISDA Championships upon which seven program records were broken. Our Purple Knights were led by senior captains, Mike Kaas and Edward Fennessey.

Fennessey broke the school's 3-meter record and finished his fourth and last year on the school's diving team with his best scores to date. Kaas not only lowered his record time in the 1000 but was also the key to the 800-freestyle relay record breaking performance at New England's.



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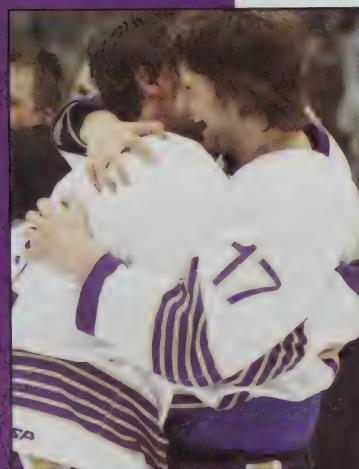
WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

This year our Lady Knights were led by senior swimmer, Kerry Slade and senior diver, Alanna O'Donnell. During their 2008 season, the swim team secured a fifth-place finish at the NEISDA Championship meet where Slade succeeded with three personal lifetime bests in the 50 and 100 Freestyle events. Lindsey Burgess, Christine Amoresano, Catherine Watt, and Mary Beth Casey also triumphed when they broke the school record for the 800 Freestyle Relay.

O'Donnell concluded her four years with the Women's Diving Team with some personal bests and high scores. Her leadership role will be passed on to upcoming senior Tierney Carey in the following season.







MEN'S ICE HOCKEY

12-14-1, 6-1 NE-10

En route to their Northeast-10 Championship season, the men's team won the most games in program history since 1999-2000 and captured their first ever Northeast-10 regular season title. With a thrilling come-from-behind 5-4 OT win over Stonehill in the conference semi-finals our Purple Knights carried that success into their final game of the season. In their championship game against Saint Anselm our team triumphed 5-1 and won their first crown since 2004.

Tyler Bilton '09 was named the conference tournament's MVP for tallying 57 saves in tournament play. Later that week, Ryan Mero '09 was named the Northeast-10 Conference 'Player of the Year', John Burns '09 was named Northeast-10 Conference 'Defenseman of the Year', and coach Chris Davidson was named Northeast-10 Conference 'Coach of the Year'.

Our young Purple Knights owe much of their success to a group of dedicated, talented seniors. These leaders included Matt Hall, Dan Anctil, Andrick Deppmeyer, and Erik Caron.

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WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY

8-16-1, 8-10-1 ECAC East

Our women's ice hockey team reached a milestone with 8 wins on the year, the most in program's eight year history to date.

Amassing an 8-13-1 record, Melanie Cullen '09 made 736 saves for a 90.8 save-percentage on the year. Meghan Sweezey '10 and Jess Tourville '09 also climbed the all-time scoring list with 40 and 37 points, respectively, good for fifth and sixth all-time.



Our younger Lady Knights were led by a talented senior class including Gabrielle Bourgeois, Brittany O'Brien, and Leslie Pomponi.

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MEN'S SKIING

Alpine and Nordic

This winter senior, Brendan Forbes led our Men's Alpine Ski Team to a 10th place finish at the Middlebury College Carnival. The team also benefited from the performances of junior, Tyler Haynes as well as a strong sophomore group including Andy Conrad, Trygg Engen, Brad Harden, Andrew Nault, Kris Ochs, and Sam Wunsch. First-years, Max Harden and Kevin O'Brien completed the roster for our 2008 Knights.

The Men's Nordic Ski Team suffered from a lack of athletes although senior captain Thomas Pryor and sophomore competitor Dan Elliot successfully competed at most major carnivals.

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Spring at Saint Mike's

Sundays and Fundays

There's nothing quite like springtime in Vermont.

We knew spring was on its way when we could finally walk across campus with no threat of frostbite or an embarrassing wipeout on the slippery sidewalks. As the weather got warmer a few began sporting a "True Life: I'm a tanorexic" glow while most proudly displayed their "I haven't seen sunlight in 4-5 months" paleness in short shorts, mini skirts, and shirtless ensembles. When temperatures finally reached above fifty, North Beach became the new Smuggs while flip flops replaced the despised/loved Uggs. A trip to Unwinders no longer warranted calling a Morph and underclassmen once again flooded into the Hot Corner, the Boob, and the Ones.

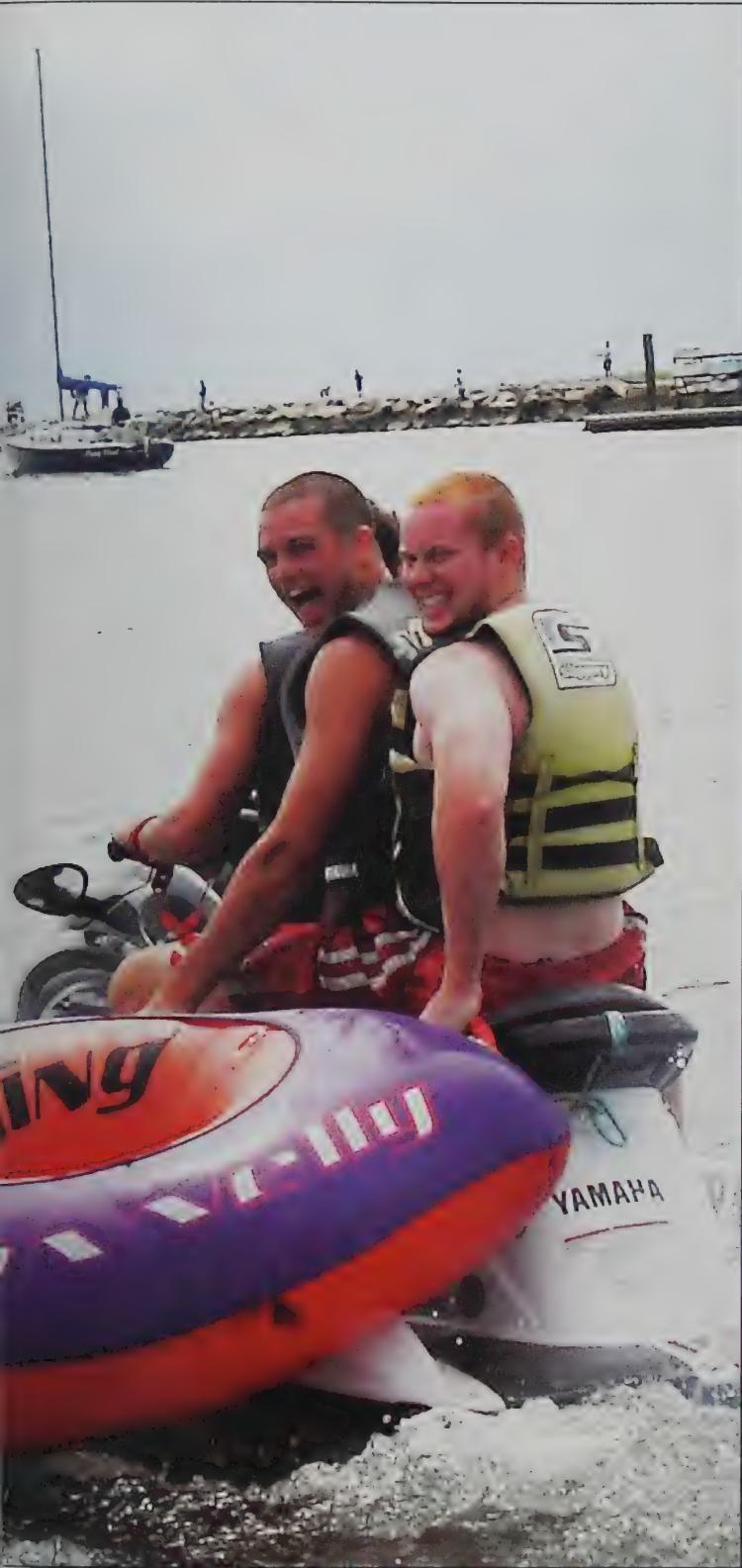
Our last few months at SMC were marked by inflatable pools on the volleyball courts and townhouse sidewalks and the return of the ever popular intramural softball season. We celebrated the beginning of the end with lawn games like sport toss, bocce, ultimate Frisbee, and Polish horseshoes that kept us busy before, after, and sometimes during classes. As our underclassmen friends struggled and stressed over exams, final projects, and research papers we lit up our grills, turned up our music, and cracked open a cold one, or two, or three, or ... thirty.

P-Day came and went as we geared up for a Senior Week which none of us (who remember it) will ever forget. Then, suddenly we were sitting in Alliot, looking ridiculous in our caps and gowns, and thinking that despite the threats of disownment from our parents, the five-six year plan might have been a better choice. When President Neuhauser handed us our diplomas some of us congratulated ourselves on a job well done, some seriously considered handing it back, and a few of us probably made sure it was actually there, took it and ran.

As we drove away from SMC for the last time, we could only hope that Kevin Anglin was right when he assured us that while our four years in college seemed like the best four years of our lives, **the best is yet to come.**



- Meg Bookless





SPRING SPORTS





WOMEN'S TENNIS

15-7, 10-2 NE 10

Our Lady Knights had a historic year in 2007-'08. The very young team grew in confidence throughout the year and enjoyed success in several very intense matches near the end of the season, winning three 5-4 matches in eight days to reach the NE-10 championship round.

Although the team was defeated by Bryant, SMC was invited to the NCAA tournament for the first time in the history of our program. The team even travelled to Pennsylvania to compete against the #3 team in the nation!



Two players in particular were strong contributors to the team's success over their four year careers. Megan Conway was a solid singles player and an especially effective doubles player with her powerful backhand, which often set up her partner for easy smashes at the net. Meg served as a team captain, SAAC representative, and was the overall organizer of numerous team functions. Her positive attitude and willingness to help all her teammates were significant to the team's close bond as a group.

Senior Michelle Wood was also a major factor in the terrific season. A talented singles and doubles player, Michelle also distinguished herself as an All-NE-10 Scholar.



Special thanks to Head Coach, Greg Cluff for the writing on this page. Thanks also to the Spring 2008 Defender Photo Editors and Sports Information for their contributions to the photos presented on this page.

MEN'S TENNIS

9-8, 7-3 NE 10

The men's tennis team had its first winning season since 2000-01, and advanced to the NE-10 Semifinals in 2008. SMC won its first five matches of the year, and bested Bentley, 5-3, at home in the NE-10 Quarterfinals on April 22.

The team went 5-2 at home and 7-3 in conference play. Senior Torr Terranova and junior John Lescure were a strong doubles team, finishing the year with a 12-4 record, while sophomore Craig Lindabery led SMC in singles' victories, going 10-4.

Junior Sean Steigerwald added a 9-4 record in singles action, while Adam Brezinsky went 8-5.

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BASEBALL

The Saint Michael's College baseball team had several defining moments in 2008, as the team played arguably its toughest schedule in the program's 95-year history. Our Purple Knights had many exciting victories, including a 7-6 win at Middlebury (the program's first win versus Middlebury since 2003), and a 12-11 home victory against Southern New Hampshire.

Senior Evan Grenier led the team with 42 hits including the 100th of his collegiate career. Sophomore Tim Pilczak had a team-best nine doubles and two home runs while freshman Ben Yodzio drove in 23 runs and sophomore Kevin Wickles led the pitching staff with three wins and 29 strikeouts.



The Knights were led by a strong senior class including Ed Fennessey, Kyle Gingras, Evan Grenier, Rory Kelleher, John Kunkel, Alex McIntire, Greg McLaughlin and Matt O'Brien. The Class of 2008 won 43 games in their four-year career.

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SOFTBALL

8-29, 2-26 NE 10



Our softball team started the year strong, winning its first six games during the team's spring break trip to Florida. Other highlights include a 5-3 home win versus UMass Lowell on April 8, and a 12-1 win at Franklin Pierce on the final day of the season.

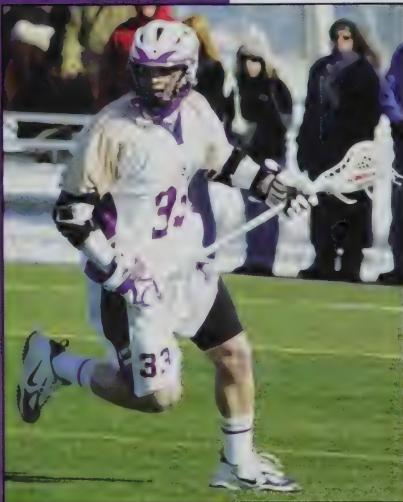
The team was also recognized with the NE-10's Sportsmanship Award.

Junior Megan O'Connor recorded her 100th career hit, and was one of the top hitters in the NE-10 all season, finishing with a .414 batting average. She also led the team on the mound with six wins and 71 strikeouts. Classmate Ashley Harkins led the team with 24 RBIs and eight stolen bases while batting .350.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

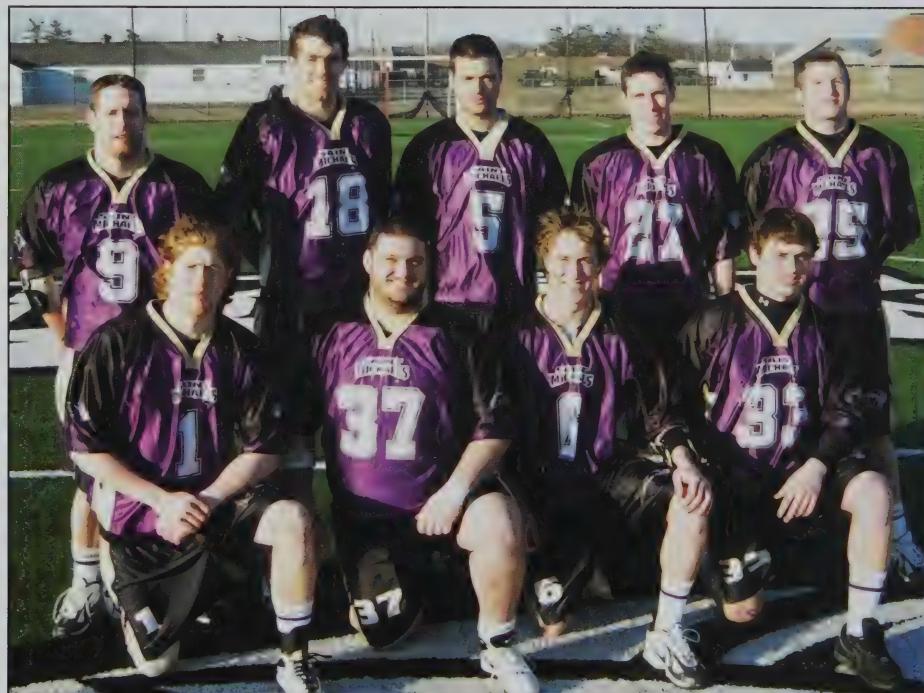
8-7, 6-4 NE 10

Our Purple Knights compiled their fourth straight winning season in 2008, and advanced to the NE-10 Semifinals for the third consecutive season. Highlights include consecutive overtime road victories in March (with senior Mike Boerma netting the game-winning goals in both contests), and an 8-6 home victory versus Saint Anselm in the NE-10 Quarterfinals on April 29.

Senior Kevin Simmons was named an Eastern College Athletic Conference Division II All-Star, while classmate Greg Lazarus led the team with 32 goals. Additionally, the hard work of seniors Jeff Hannon, Mike Ferrarone, Jeff Dowling, Dave Richardson, Pat Ivory, and Mark Agostinelli contributed to the overall success of our Purple Knights in their 2008 season.

With 34 wins during their four-year career, the Class of 2008 goes down as the winningest in the 26-year history of the SMC men's lacrosse program.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

9-7, 6-4 NE 10

Our women's lacrosse team tied a program record for victories in one season in 2008, while advancing to the NE-10 Semifinals. The Purple Knights won five of their first six games in 2008, and ended the year with a 19-14 victory at Merrimack in the NE-10 Quarterfinals on April 30. In-between, the team also earned a 16-15 overtime home win versus Bentley on April 19.

Senior Brynne Curran set several program records on the season, including: most goals in a season and most goals and points in a career. She was named to the NE-10 All-Conference First Team along with Christine Driscoll, while classmate Amanda Soule earned Second Team honors.

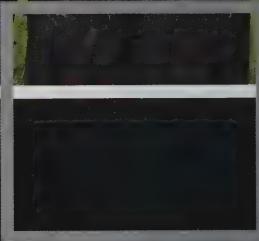
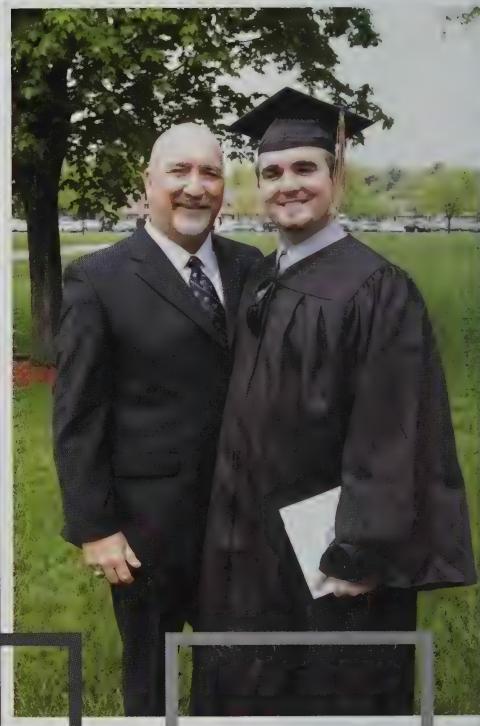
Our team was also led by senior captain Julie Carey and classmates Courtney Wakem, Karen Fitzgerald, and Lila McCormack.

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PARENTS GRADS







CONGRATULATIONS ALEX!
LOVE YOU,
MOM, DAD, BEN, ROSIE AND RILEY





FOR EVERY ENDING
THERE'S A NEW
BEGINNING; FOR
EVERY MEMORY,
THERE'S A DREAM
AHEAD...

CONGRATULATIONS, BRITTANY!
Mom, Dad & Mikey



Congratulations Jill!



Mon
We love you,
Dad, Kurt, Grammi, Grandpi, O.D.,
Emmy & Ozzie!



Congratulations to all Jill's friends!



What we are is God's gift to us.
What we become is our gift to God.

Congratulations Kate!

Love,
Dad, Mom, Jim
Matt and Sue



Christina/Christy/Tina/Chris/etc..

Life will never be the same.
It may get better, it may get worse, but it will
never be the same.

Life is change. Go with it.
We love you.
Dad and Tara

CONGRATULATIONS
JIMMY

LOVE,
MOM AND DAD
(& VENUS)



Dear Bridget,
Keep Climbing until you
reach the top! We are
proud of your achievements
and look forward to the
successful future that lies
ahead of you.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Samantha

Betsy,
You light up our
lives!
Congratulations-
Great Job!

Love,
Mom, Tim, Stan
Kelly & Dillon



Congratulations
Dori

Love,
Mom and Dad



Stephanie,

Congratulations on all your accomplishments at SMC. May this happiness and success be with you as you pursue your Ph.D. Follow your dreams and passions. We are so very proud of you.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Daddy's Girl

Congratulations
on all of your
accomplishments!

We are very proud of
you.



Leah,

Thank you for all the
treasured memories.
Always reach for your
dreams! We know you
will be successful in
whatever you pursue
in life.

Love,
Mom and Dad

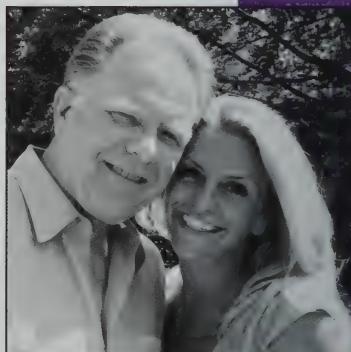
Congratulations Sarah!



You did it, you
graduated college!

We're very proud
of you.

Love Mom, Dad, Rob, and Josh





Great job
Dan Hafner!

We love you-

Dad, Mom
&
Scott

Connor Driscoll



Congratulations to Kim, Michelle and Megan

&

Saint Michael's Class of 2008



We are proud of you!



Devlin. We ! What can we say except that we're really proud of what you accomplished during your stay at St. Mikes. Your admission to the Dean's List was a great achievement after all of your hard work. We're glad that you made the right decision to go to St. Mikes and we know that you had a great time, made some good friends and also got a very good education! It's exciting that you're embarking on the next phase of your life. You have so much ahead of you and a lot to look forward to and we know you'll do great at whatever you choose. You've turned into such a great young man and you've made us incredibly proud and happy.



Dearest H.M.A. Sydney (a.k.a. Ashley Wheeler)
Your rock our world! We are so proud of you.
Congratulations on your accomplishments, successes, graduation and most importantly your wonderful spirit!

Love you always,
Dad, Mom & Amanda

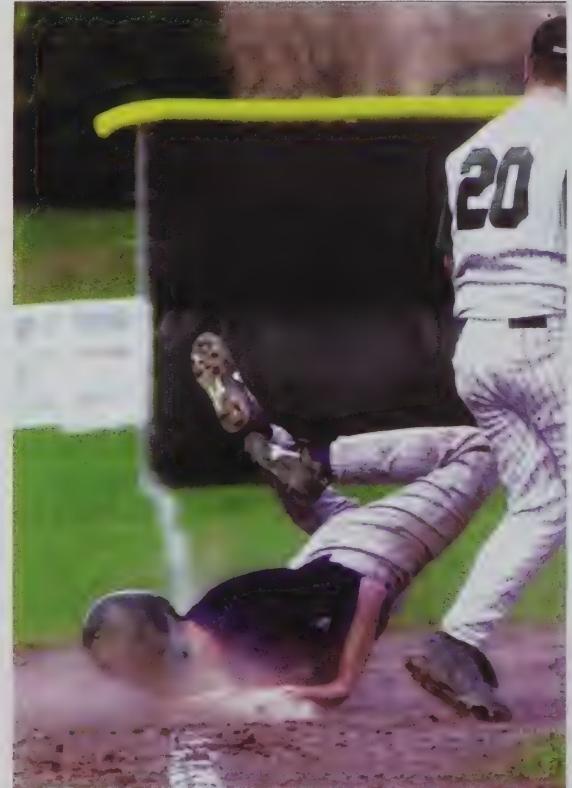
Edward,

Life comes at you fast...

we know you are ready!

Congratulations, we love you!

Mom, Dad, Brian & Chris





I know the warmth of your smile...
in the ones who love you, in the place
you left. I hope you help somebody
every chance you get, find God's grace.
In every mistake. And you
always give more than you
take...More than anything...



My wish for you is that this
life becomes all that you
want...your dreams stay big
and your worries stay small...
We love you, Kate...
Mom, Dad, Tim, Laura

Congratulations Vincent!



Now that you're
done clowning
around...

it's time for the
real world.

You can accomplish
anything you set your
heart and mind to do.

Dream BIG.

We are so proud of you.

We love you very much,
Dad, Gloria,
Bec, and Nick.



Dear Shawn,

Love the life you live
Lead the life you love

We are proud of you!

Love,
Mom and Mike



Dear Michelle,

You've come along
way "Baby". We are
so proud of all your
accomplishments.
We wish you
continued happiness
and success.
May God bless you
always.

Love,
Dad, Mom
Denise and Marie





CONGRATULATIONS EVAN GRENIER

SAINt MICHAEL'S GRADUATE

2008

MAY ALL YOUR DREAMS COME TRUE.



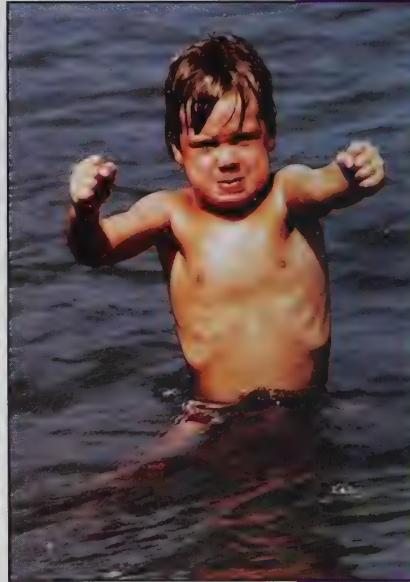
ERIK CARON

CLASS 2008

ENGLISH MAJOR

CONGRATULATIONS ERIK,
WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU.
CONTINUE YOUR SUCCESS AND
FOLLOW YOUR DREAM.
LOVE MOM,DAD,RYAN





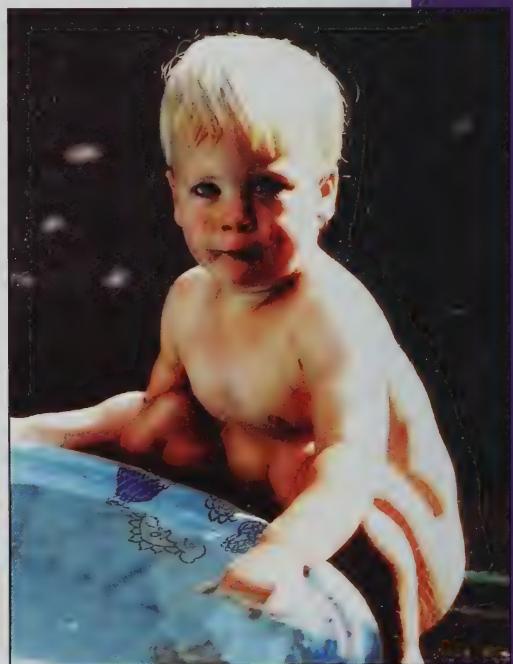
NEIL:

PABLO PICASSO SAID "EVERYTHING YOU CAN IMAGINE IS REAL.
YOU ARE EVERYTHING WE EVER IMAGINED!"

TAKE THESE WONDERFUL TALENTS AND THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
INVESTIGATE YOUR FUTURE:

WE WILL ALWAYS BE THERE FOR YOU.

MUM, DAD, VANESSA & ROSS



TJ

MAY THE ROAD RISE UP TO MEET YOU,
MAY THE WIND BE ALWAYS AT YOUR BACK,
MAY THE RAINS FALL SOFTLY ON YOUR FIELDS,
AND MAY GOD HOLD YOU IN THE PALM OF HIS HANDS.



"ALWAYS FOLLOW
YOUR DREAMS....
KEEPING IN MIND
WHAT'S IMPORTANT
IN LIFE!"

LOVE,
MOM AND CASEY



Our Precious Emily,
Congratulations on all you've accomplished!
You've always been a special girl
& you've grown into a Wonderful Woman.
We Love you with all our heart.

Lots of Love,
Mom, Dad & Mary

Go confidently in the direction of your dreams!



Christina Shantz
Congratulations!

Christina-

It has been a joy and privilege watching you grow into such a wonderful, smart, sensitive, kind, caring, and beautiful young woman. You are simply amazing, and I can't wait to see where you'll go from here! I am so very proud of you!

Love, Mom



DEAR KATIE TERESA,

IT HARDLY SEEMS POSSIBLE THAT YOU ARE GRADUATING. IT SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY THAT WE DROPPED YOU AT ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE TO BEGIN YOUR FRESHMEN YEAR. YOU CERTAINLY HAVE BLOSSOMED AND GROWN. WE ARE SO VERY PROUD OF YOU BUT NOT SURPRISED AT YOUR SUCCESS. YOU HAVE MANY TALENTS AND STRENGTHS AND YOU USE THEM WELL. GOD BLESS YOU AND GUIDE YOU AS YOU EMBARK ON THE NEXT PHASE OF YOUR LIFE.

LOVE ALWAYS, MOM, DAD, TOM, TIM, AND KIERAN



CONGRATULATIONS CHRIS

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU.

LOVE,
MOM, DAD, JOHN AND AMY

Congratulations, Pat!



From crawling...



to walking...

and all the wonderful memories along

Pat's Dash!!

You are an amazing, selfless giver...thanks for being YOU!

We are all so very proud of you!

Love,

Dad, Mom, Brent, Britty & Kenzie



Mike,
From the seawall on
the Key, to the sands
in the Cape, and all
the in betweens, we
hope we have given
you both roots and
wings to get you
through life.

Congratulations, With
much pride and love,
Mom, Dad & Pasta

**Congratulations Leslie!
We Love You!**

"Get past the money to meet the things I want to do;
the things change the things I care, and then I'm free to do the other ones."



F A M I L Y

HJKLmn



CONGRATULATIONS JOHN!
LOVE,
DAD, MOM AND MEG

Congratulations to our son, Jeffrey White and to all of the SMC Class of 2008.

We are very proud of all of your accomplishments and we extend to you our sincere best wishes as you begin the next chapter of your lives.

David and Kathy White



In the beginning...off to SMC...2004



Capri, Italy...2007



I'm "cultured" now...2008

No matter where you are, no matter what you do, our love will always be with you!

Your very proud family,
Mom, Dad, Nicole, Michael, and Smitty



Kayla Murdie

Remember when I used to say to you “tiny steps,” “it will get better” and “keep smiling” over and over again? What seemed like in the beginning was just too hard is now going to be a reality - graduation day. Your determination not to give up, even though at times it seemed inevitable, never came to be. You overcame obstacles and learned from them. What you have achieved is truly amazing, just like you! A lot of things have changed over the years, but one thing that will never change is how much we love you. There's something special about you, it shines in your smiles and flows through your heart - it makes you beautiful and sets you apart. When life gives you a hundred reasons to cry, show life you have a thousand reasons to smile. May your days be filled with rainbows and know as you read this, we are sending you warm hugs. We are so proud of you! OOXOXO



Love you to the moon & back,
Mommasita, Buddy, Aunt Linda, Uncle Roger &
The Whole Family a/k/a your biggest fans
Mwahhh



Abby,

May each of your days be
touched by a bit of Irish luck,
brightened by a song in your
heart, and warmed by the
smiles of people you love.

You have made us very proud.

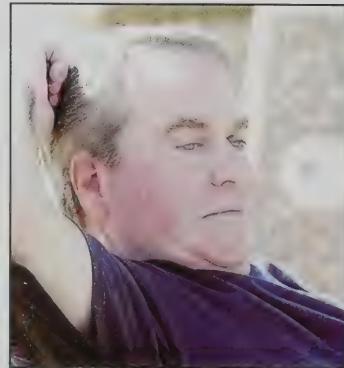
Love always,
Mom, Dad
Matt, Katie
Brian and Izzy

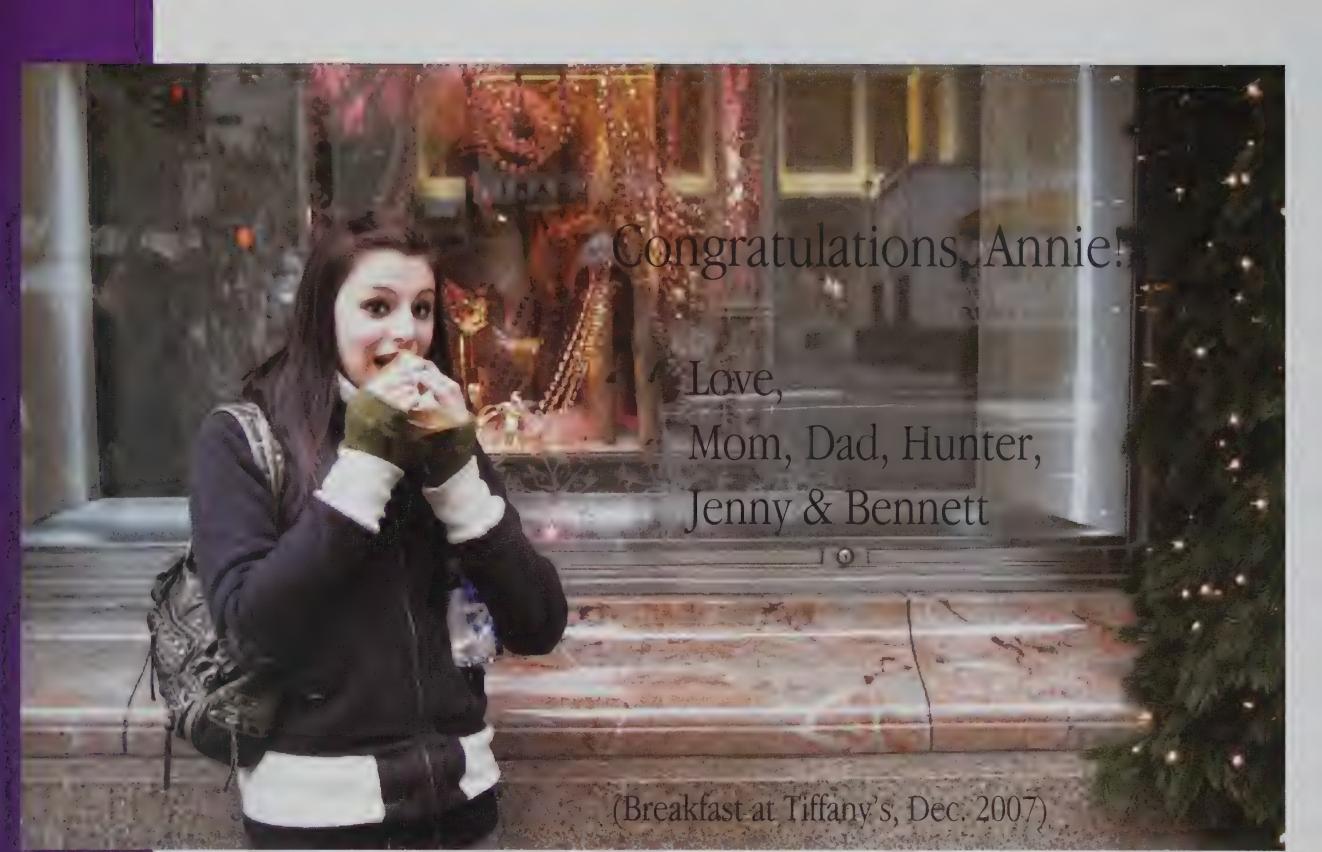


Congratulations Matt O'Brien

Class of 2008

Love,
Dad (71'), Mom, Mike
Neely and Wesley





Congratulations, Annie!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Hunter,
Jenny & Bennett

(Breakfast at Tiffany's, Dec. 2007)



THE FUN'S
OVER.

WELCOME
TO THE
REAL WORLD.



LOVE YOU,
MOM AND DAD





Congratulations Mike Stuckey
We love you!



CONGRATULATIONS KORY MCKAY



Congratulations Cate Cook
From Mom, Dad, Margaret and Lucy.
Have a wonderful future.



CARTER, IT HAS HAPPENED SO FAST
WE'RE SO PROUD OF THE MAN YOU'VE BECOME!
CONGRATULATIONS. WE WISH YOU LOVE, SAFETY AND
SUCCESS IN YOUR BRIGHT FUTURE!
LOVE, MOM & DAD





Margot -

You are entering then next exciting phase of your life. Your are so ready for the challenge!!



With Love and
Best Wishes,

Mom & Dad

Congratulations
Brittany!



We love you,
Dad, Mom & Tyler

Voici mon secret. Il est très simple:
on ne voit bien qu'avec le cœur.
L'essentiel est invisible pour les yeux.

Le Petit Prince

Nous t'aimons toujours.
Maman, Daddy & Emilee



Congratulations Bradford!

*May all your dreams come true.
We are so proud of you!*



*All our love,
Mom, Dad, Ashley & Jackson*

To our parents:

Thank you for giving us the best you had to give and including Saint Michael's as one of your many gifts to us. It is in large part because of you that we are as successful and happy as we are today. You taught us to dream bigger than ourselves and reach for the stars. You've been there to comfort us when we're crying, to celebrate with us when we're smiling, and to tell us to suck it up when we're being ridiculously negative. Day to day, you have been a constant...wherever we go, whatever we do, whoever we become is because you were strong enough to support us all of these years.

**THANK YOU FROM THE
CLASS OF 2008!**

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